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in forty years regular hunting of Tulliby, Stark forward

In the 8 of December 1795 Mr. Corbets hounds
found a Fox at Wofford Wood went off over Moreton
Common to Lohbro: Days thro: Songbro: Park to Eysor
Halford Holt to Gold Aston then turned to the right
over the fine open Country thro: Sapperton Grove
and kill'd him at Sandy Well Park more than 20
Miles from point to root out of more than 100
Hounds men only were in at the death - Mr. Corbets
aoy: W. Hill, W. Littleton, Major Pigot, Rev. Mr. Martin
and Mr. Fretwell, and the Huntsman gone with his
hounds to be seen at the White Lyon Stratford on Avon
The hounds had more than 30 Miles to go home at night

In the 9 of December Mr. Corbets hounds found a
Fox at Well Heath and after one hour hard run
kill'd him at Long Mynd ~~Appleton~~ when another Fox took
away and was kill'd after two hard running at 8
there ~~the~~ Park which gave rise to that beautiful poem by Mr
Goulbourn which every Fox hunter should read

In the season of 1825 The Duke of Beauford's hounds found a Fox at Eysford went off over Fox Farm and kill'd him on Swell hill when another Fox stole away and went back to Eysford and then to Swell pasture to Shinton. ~~Went this day to Jacobs plantation near Brack over the country to Notgrove Colwickton Grove near Farmington Grove back to Shangher Docks to Swell Village then back over Swell hill and Fox farm to ground at Eysford after 3 hours hard running, several horses died from this severe day's sport~~

In the year 1829 on St. Patrick's Day the Duke of Beauford hounds found a Fox at Ningam Lane and ran him to ground at Pearson Hill - found again at Diving toches went to Broadwell Grove to Broadwells to Bourton Woods. ~~Went to ground at Weston Park after two hours I have run~~
Lord Seagrave hounds found a Fox at Humble Lee Lane went to West Wood to Hawking Scrubs over the hill to Farm cot Wood to Piprock Wood to Elwicks Wood back to Farmcot and in youth to stalls again then off to Lee Scrubs Buckland Wood by Middle Hill over to Spring Hill and single Bank. ~~Went off at 6 o'clock in the evening within half a mile of Broad~~
~~Wood it being night the hounds were running 5 hours up~~
~~and down the hill over to Little Weston Wood to Leabone's place~~
~~crossing Stanton and came on the left he come back over to Lee~~
~~comb Grove by Lee and ran over the gate this hill him near Seagrave~~

J. B. Fretwell Winton 18-00

He's been from Somersett
was the fastest Jockey
having run more than 20
miles more per hour

Names of the Men Mr. Fretwell employ'd when
he hunted the Country in 1792 at Stow on the Wold
Kenil the best of the Covers being within so
as 1/2 Miles of that place the principal were the
Chedworth Woods, Pencombe, Wiverton Grove,
and towns round Bibury Race course, ^{at Garsome}, Anger, Burc,
Siddington Ashes, Donbrowdells, Bourton Wood, Tedcombe,
Weston Park, Nickleton Wood, Stoke Wood, Forest,
Buckland Wood, Stalls Wood, Dumbleton, Dixton,
Green Wood, Towdeswell Wood, West Wood, Sapperton,
Grove, Eyford, Guiting, so Pinnock Woods, &c &c &c

Mr. Seabright. Huntsman now living ^{at} Stow
John Ellborough First Wiper man
William Monday second Wiper man / All Captain
John Burnham - Boyle / Men
James Steyman Wiper

Mr Bulkeley Frestwells plan of Fox hunting
after 50 year experience and being the son of
a Capital old Sportsman who hunted the Cots-
Wold Country 40 years ago, on the following plan

Kept 10 couples of hunting hounds in kennel,
took 17 people in the field (much better than many)
kept 10 well bred horses, in the best condition
Planted 3 days a week, met at 9 o'clock made
long days, determined to have short hill'd 30
brace of foxes in a season (one year with another)-
Made the hounds with constant work. Perfect
Kept both hounds and horses in best condition having
them light of flesh and high in spirits, the only
plan to get good sport, seldom new what a bad scent
was, - If the modern sportsmen would follow this plan
what a sport they it would be for old England
the expenses of planting cost about £ 1000 pounds a year.

~~Mr. Gorbet's plan (25 couples of dogs are 25 of Bitches)~~
Master Gorbet's plan that Hunt in pairs, a week should
keep a ~~couple~~ ^{handful} of hounds, of hunting in general they had
much better be kept in two ~~packs~~ (25). Dogs & Bitches, was the
plan of the noted Mr. Gorbet at Stratford on Avon (he
had most Capital Sport) the same hounds hunting together
(of course) can't better depend on each other, therefore Mr
Gorbet got better sport than his neighbours (which are numerous)
(a day a week) is quite enough for men if they are to do their duty
17 couple of hounds in the field is ~~more~~ ^{after} much than more, and it
is certain true that ~~practice~~ makes perfect, but good sport
depends on the condition of the hounds, they ought to be
very light of flesh and high in spirits like Race Horses,
therein solely depends the sense of good noses, and I am
convinced by experience the feeding of hounds was well
attended to there would seldom be a bad scenting day;
keeping too many hounds in general is ~~bad~~ indeed
if this plan was attended to what a happy hunting thing it
would be the hunting would be a grand diversion
Horses was formerly brought to cover in fine condition
fit for hard work more then they are brought to cover
is rare for people to look at like fat cows at a fair

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MEYNELLIAN SCIENCE;

OR,

FOX-HUNTING,

Upon System.

Warwick

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breeding Hounds, was to combine strength with beauty, and steadiness with high mettle.

His idea of perfection of shape, was short backs, open bosoms, straight legs, and compact feet; as the greatest and first considerations in form.

THE first qualities he considered, were, fine noses, and stout runners.

IN the spring of the year, he broke

in his Hounds at Hare, to find out their propensities, which, when at all flagrant, they early discovered; and he drafted them according to their defects.

AFTER Hare hunting, they were the remaining part of summer, daily walked amongst Riot.

WHEN the hunting season commenced, his Hounds were hunted in the woodlands, amidst abundance of Foxes, for two months.

IN the month of November, the Pack was carefully divided into the Old and Young Pack. The Old Pack consisted of three year's old and upwards, and no two year's old was admitted, except a very high opinion was entertained of his virtues and abilities.

THE Young Hounds were hunted twice a week, as much in woodlands, as possible, and in the most unpopular Coverts. The Young Pack had always a few couple of steady old Hounds with

them. The Old Pack hunted the best country. When any bad faults were discovered, they were immediately drafted for fear of contamination.

SKIRTING, over-running the scent, and babbling, were the greatest faults.

PERFECTIONS consisted of true guiders, in hard running, and close patient hunters, in a cold scent, together with stoutness.

Mr. MEYNELL'S Hounds were criticised, by himself and his friends, in the most minute manner. Every Hound had his peculiar talents, and was sure to have a fair opportunity of displaying them. Some had the remarkable faculty of finding a Fox, which they would do, almost invariably, notwithstanding twenty or thirty couple were out in the same covert. Some had the propensity to hunt the doubles and short turns. Some were inclined to be hard runners. Some had a remarkable faculty of hunting the Drag of a Fox, which they

would do very late in the day. And sometimes the hardest runners were the best hunters; and fortunate was the year, when such excellencies prevailed.

MR. MEYNELL prided himself on the steadiness and docility of his Hounds; and their hunting through sheep and hares, which they did in a very superior manner. He seldom, or never attempted to lift his Hounds through sheep; and from habit, and the great flocks the Hounds were accustomed to, they carried the scent

on most correctly and expeditiously, much sooner than any lifting could accomplish.

MR. MEYNELL was not fond of casting Hounds, when once they were laid upon the line of scent, he left it to them, he only encouraged them to take pains, and kept aloof, so that the steam of the horses could not interfere with the scent.

WHEN a Fox was found in a Gorse covert, very little noise or encouragement

was made; and, when he went away, as soon as the Hounds were apprised of it, they did not come headlong after; but commenced very quietly, and settled and collected together gradually, mending their pace, and, accumulating their force as they went along, completing what was emphatically termed—a terrible Burst.

WHEN his Hounds came to a Check, every encouragement was given them to recover the scent, without the Huntsman getting amongst them, or Whippers-in driv-

ing them about, which is the common practice of most Packs. The Hounds were hollo'd back to the place where they brought the scent, and encouraged to try round in their own way, which they generally did successfully—avoiding the time lost in the mistaken practice of Casting the Hounds at the heels of the Huntsman.

WHEN the Hounds were Cast, it was in two or three different lots, by Mr. MEYNELL, his Huntsman, and Whipper-in ; and not driven together in a body like a flock

of sheep. They were allowed to spread and use their own sagacity, at a very gentle pace ; and not hurried about in a blustering manner, but patiently.

IT was MR. MEYNELL's opinion, that a great noise, and scolding of Hounds, made them wild. Correcting them in a quiet way, was the most judicious method.

WHIPPERS-IN should turn Hounds quietly ; and not call after them in a noisy disagreeable manner.

WHEN Hounds are going to the Cry, they should be encouraged in a pleasant way; not driven and rated as if discord was a necessary ingredient in the sport and music of a fine Cry of Hounds. Whippers-in are too apt to think their own importance and consequence, consists in shouting, holloing, and unnecessary activity. When Hounds can hear the Cry, they get together sooner than any Whipper-in can drive them. If any Hound is conceited and disinclined to go to the Cry, he should immediately be drafted.

SHOULD there be only one Fox in cover, and two or three Hounds get away with him whilst the body of the pack are hunting the line behind, some judicious sportsman should ride to them and view hollo for the rest of the pack to join them. It is the most certain way to ensure the Run, and the Hounds will very speedily get together, when properly treated. If there are many Foxes in cover, and one should go away, and the Hounds are running in various parts, you may, if a favourable opportunity presents itself, try

to hollo the pack away ; but do not attempt it, without such favorable circumstance, as a good rummaging in cover will do the Hounds service. When a Fox dwells in cover, and will not go away, the best plan is to leave him, and not kill him. Another day he will perhaps afford a good Run.

BLOOD was a thing Mr. MEYNELL was more indifferent about than most owners of Hounds. The wildest packs of Hounds were known to kill the most Foxes in cover ; but very seldom shewed good

Runs over a country.

HOUNDS chopping Foxes in cover, is more a vice than a proof of their being good cover Hounds. Murdering Foxes is a most absurd prodigality. Seasoned Foxes are as necessary to sport as experienced Hounds.

To obtain a good Run, your Hounds should not only have good abilities; but they should be experienced, and well acquainted with each other. To guide a

scent well over a country, for a length of time, and through all the difficulties usually encountered, requires the best and most experienced abilities. A faulty Hound, or injudicious rider, by one improper step, may defeat the most promising Run.

GENTLEMEN, and every person who makes Hunting his pursuit, should learn to ride judiciously to Hounds. It is a contemplative amusement; and much good diversion might be promoted, by a few regular precautions. The principal thing

to attend to, is not to ride too near the Hounds, and always as much as possible anticipate a Check. By which means the leading men will pull their horses up in time, and afford the Hounds fair opportunity to keep the line of scent unbroken. Sheep, Cattle, Teams at plough, and Arable land, are all causes of checks.

THOUGHTLESS Sportsmen are apt to press too much on Hounds, particularly down a road. Every one should consider, that every check operates against

the Hounds, and that scent is of a fleeting nature—soon lost—never again to be recovered.

MR. MEYNELL'S Hounds had more good Runs than any Pack of his day. Two very extraordinary ones happened of a very rare description. One was a Run of one hour and twenty minutes without a Check, and killed their Fox. The other was two hours and fifty minutes without a Cast, and killed. The Hounds, in the first Run, kept well together, and only two horses

performed it; the rest of the Field were unequal to its fleetness. The other Run alluded to, was performed by the whole of the Pack; and though all were up at the Death, two or three slackened in their pace just at the last. One horse only went the whole of it.

Mr. MEYNELL's natural taste led him to admire large Hounds; but his experience convinced him that small ones were generally the stoutest, soundest, and, in every respect, the most executive.

VARIOUS are the attentions necessary to manage a Pack of Hounds, and quite sufficient to engage the occupation of an active man's mind. Should the Master of the Hounds have other important concerns to call his attention off; sensible and confidential agents, and servants, should be chosen in every department.

Fox-HUNTING, is a manly and fine exercise, affording health to the body, and matter and food for a contemplative mind. In no situation are the faculties of man

more displayed. Fortitude, good sense, and collectiveness of mind, have a wide field for exercise; and a sensible sportsman would be a respectable character in any situation of life.

THE Field is a most agreeable Coffee-House, and there is more real society to be met with there, than in any other situation of life. It links all classes together, from the Peer to the Peasant. It is the Englishman's peculiar privilege. It is not to be found in any other part of the globe,

but in England's true land of liberty—and
may it flourish to the end of time !!

All right



I remember hearing my Father say he hunted one day with the noted Mr. Mervin in Leicestershire with only 10 Couple of hounds, in the field and had a capital run over the finest of their country and kill'd the Fox (this was what they call'd by day) and when Lord Vernon gave up his hounds in Staffordshire in 1810 Mr. Talbot kept 18 Couple of the best hounds in the pack for the following season and they had better sport and kill'd more Foxes than was ever remembered by the oldest Sportmen in that part of the Country so much for few hours; in good condition of course being light of flesh with constant work made them such capital Sport (Off all Masters of hounds - wood take notice of this) This was the plan of Mr. Mervin, Mr. Corbet, and my Father; who all were Masters of hounds from the year 1780 to 1810 and was all three very great very great Friends.

Map of the Country I got for Lord Degrave from
the Warwickshire Hunt in November 1810 -

1760 21 years old

The late Mr. Fretwell was bred a great ~~fox~~^{fox} hunter at Potterton about 10 Miles from the Town of York he kept Capitol Hounds and hunted with Mr. Fox Lane's hounds at Bramham Park he was fond of the sport that he went to the Kennel every hunting morning to go with the hounds and often returning with the Master of the Park to see them fed - a Capitol School for a young Sportman as Mr. Fox Lane was called one of the best Sportmen in England of his day

Mr. F. went to the East Indies in the 26 year this and was a Lieutenant in one of the East India Regiments for some years, he had a good ~~use~~^{use} for hunting & in that part of the World he returned to England in 1772

and settled at Uptonold near Tew on the W^{est}
Gloucestershire and hunted the Cotswold Country
for many years - the late Lord Herbouwer
Coke of Norfolk, Mr. Napper, and Mr. Waller,
paying him 1000 pounds a year subscription,
he was unfortunate for in 1782 he rode his horse
over a hedge into a plow and broke ^{his} leg in the year
1791 he had a motherfall and broke his other leg
and in 1794 his horse fell upon him and broke
three of his fingers and his arm and leg so bad
that he was obliged to stay at the Bear Inn in
Woodstock for some time and in 1796 his horse
fell upon ^{him} in hunting at Bourton Wood and broke
his collar bone and two ribs, but bore all
the accidents with the greatest fortitude,
he died on the 24 of November 1799 aged 60
years beloved, respected and lamented by all classes
Nature must stand in awe of the world

When Mr. Fretwell gave up the hounds he invited his friend Mr. Corbett to take the Campden Country as it was within reach of Stratford on Avon that is the Covers of Bourton Wood and Racehorse, Seringot Warren, Sheepy Grove, Buckland, Littleworth, and Broadway Woods, Weston Park and Sedgcomb, Blockley pastures, Cattley Lays, Aston House and Covers, Patrixford, Blakemore, Gars Forest Covers, Stoke Wood, Meon Hill, Michelton Wood, Garsers Lays, Norton Covers &c in short all the Covers within 6 Miles of Campden Town which was always considered the best part of the Cotswold hunt

Mr. Corbett hunted this part of the Country for more than 10 years (but did not come often enough to satisfy the owners of the covers) I happened to meet Lord Segrave hunting at Middle Hill whom on finding fault of the steep hills, asked him if he would like the hunt Weston Park and Bourton Woods &c he said he should be most happy to hunt them if I could get him leave, therefore I wrote to Mr. Corbett and answered my letter in the most gentleman like way, and gave up the Campden to Lord Segrave, this was in November 1810, Country

This was a Match

The Duke of Beaufort had got the Campden after Mr. Fretwell gave up the hounds, in 1810

